

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ***
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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1. Indicate your present occupation.

Attorney

2. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

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3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the State of Tennessee.

13 years (approximately)

4. List the county or counties you have resided in over the past year.

Davidson

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

☐ Yes ☒ No

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the National Guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender, or employee of a district public defender?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted, or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance (other than traffic related offenses such as speeding, seatbelt violations, or parking tickets)? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No.

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

No.

9. Please state reasons why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. (300 words or less)

See attached.

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
- ☐ Speaker of the House
- ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. By checking each of the boxes below, I certify that this information is correct:

- ☒ I am not employed as a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I am not an employer of a registered lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 31 day of May, 2011.



Signature of Applicant

Upon Completion, please forward this application to:

**Administrative Office of the Courts
Judicial Nominating Commission
511 Union Street, Suite 600
Nashville, TN 37219**

Application of Samuel P. Funk

9. Please state reasons why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission (300 words or less).

Alexander Hamilton once observed that "Justice is the end of government," and it is "the first duty of society." Nowhere is this more true than in our judiciary. Our judges sit as the face of justice in our society.

I have been practicing law for approximately 15 years as a trial lawyer with a focus on business disputes. During that time, I have had the opportunity to appear before many outstanding judges, both at the trial and appellate level. These are the judges who leave litigants and lawyers with a sense that justice has been done, regardless of the outcome of the case. As I think about this collection of judges and the qualities they each possess, I arrived at the following list: (1) respectful of precedent and the law as enacted by the legislature; (2) hardworking; (3) thoughtful; and, (3) courteous to lawyers and litigants.

As a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission, my goal would be to assist in the selection of qualified judicial candidates who exhibit each of the above qualities. As sitting judges, these individuals will handle cases, the outcomes of which will impact the litigants whose claims are at issue. The outcome of many of these cases, however, will impact countless other individuals and entities and society at large. In light of this reality and the fact that these are the individuals who will preside over cases for years to come, I believe that the role of the Judicial Nomination Commission is of critical importance. To that end, I believe that my experience and training (both professionally and beyond) would allow me to be an effective member of the Judicial Nominating Commission.